Mensik testimony hearing set

A federal judge has ordered lawyers in the City Savings & Loan Assn. case to show why secret testimony by the defunct institution's head should not be made public.

Chief Judge William J. Campbell of U.S. District Court set the "show cause" hearing for 10 a.m. Thursday to rule on the deposition of C. Oran Mensik, suppressed by the judge at the urging of Albert E. Jenner Jr., a Chicago lawyer seeking to represent some of the persons involved in the tangled Sun-Times Savings.

Jenner signed the book, now in federal prison on a savings and loan mail fraud conviction, is not a responsible witness and might say things that would hurt innocent people if made public.

Receivers of the City Savings have sued former state officials, contending that their negligence permitted the loss by the institution of more than $14,000,000.